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SUBJECT: SEC INVESTIGATION OF CANADIAN JAVELIN, LTD.

**REF: A. STATE 50365** 

B. FORTUNE-HINSON TELECON, 2/28/78

1. PER REFTELCON, FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF THIRD-PERSON DIPLOMATIC NOTE SENT TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS BY EMBASSY SUBSEQUENT TO RECEIPT OF STATE 21892. NOTE IS EMBASSY'S NUMBER 10 TO MINISTRY, DATED JANUARY 31, 1978. BEGIN TEXT:

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE AMBASSADOR'S NOTE NUMBER 172 OF DECEMBER 12, 1977 TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, CONCERNING THE PENDING UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CASE OF SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION V.S. CANADIAN JAVELIN, LTD., AND TO THE MINISTRY'S SUBSEQUENT TELEPHONIC INQUIRY TO THE EMBASSY AS TO WHETHER UNITED STATES LAW WOULD PERMIT THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA TO REQUEST THAT ONE OF ITS AGENCIES PARTICIPATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN THE TAKING OF DEPOSITIONS IN THE UNITED STATES.
THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN ADVISED BY THE DEPARTMENT
OF STATE THAT UNITED STATES LAW (28 U.S.C. SEC. 1782)
WOULD PERMIT PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO TAKE
DEPOSITIONS IN THE UNITED STATES SO LONG AS THE
DEPOSITIONS WERE TAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH A JUDICIAL
PROCEEDING AS OPPOSED TO A GOVERNMENTAL INVESTIGATION.

THUS, IF THE POSITION OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE
REVERSED WITH RESPECT TO A JUDICIAL PROCEEDING SUCH
AS SEC VS. CANADIAN JAVELIN, PANAMANIAN OFFICIALS
WOULD BE FREE TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE EMBASSY WISHES TO REITERATE TO THE MINISTRY THE CONSIDERABLE INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN ENABLING THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION TO COMPLY WITH THE ORDER OF THE DISTRICT COURT AS DESCRIBED IN THE AMBASSADOR'S AFOREMENTIONED NOTE, AND RENEWS ITS HOPE FOR PROMPT AND FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF THIS REQUEST BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA.

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE MINISTRY THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END TEXT.

2. AT TIME OF TRANSMITTAL OF NOTE, AND ON SEVERAL SUBSEQUENT OCCASIONS, EMBASSY HAS TELEPHONICALLY INQUIRED OF FOREIGN MINISTRY AS TO STATUS OF GOP CONSIDERATION OF THIS REQUEST. MINISTRY'S RESPONSE HAS BEEN THAT MATTER REMAINS UNDER STUDY, AND THEY WILL INFORM US AS SOON AS A DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN.

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3. EMBASSY IS MAKING A FURTHER TELEPHONIC INQUIRY OF MINISTRY FEBRUARY 28. GONZALEZ

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